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Weekend Rainfall Gives Wheat Producers Positive Outlook on Planting

Windy and warm weather was prevalent during most of last week. However, many producers were relieved when the weekend rains arrived. Five of the nine districts received over an inch of rain last week although the major wheat producing North Central district only received slightly over one tenth of an inch of rain. Wheat producers in some areas last week could not plant due to wet fields while others in the State did not want to begin planting due to the lack of moisture. Last weekend's rainfall, for those areas that received it, should help wheat producers gear up to begin wheat planting. Temperatures averaged in the low to mid-70's for all districts except the Panhandle which averaged at 69 degrees. Topsoil and subsoil moisture failed to show improvement from last week; however, some of the reports arrived before the weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture categories in the tables below. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	31	28	39	2
Last Week	28	27	41	4
Last Year	5	22	68	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	51	31	18	0
Last Week	52	31	16	1
Last Year	10	22	66	2

Small Grains: Seedbed preparations for wheat were three-fourths complete by week's end as producers continued to make progress with planting. Rye seedings jumped 21 points from last week while oat planting was just beginning at 7 percent. Areas of the State that did not receive decent rainfall were continuing to apply fertilizer to fields in preparation for upcoming planting and hoping for additional moisture to come soon.

Row Crops: Major row crop conditions in the State remained steady from last week with peanut conditions showing slight improvement. Over three-fourths of the corn was mature and over half of the crop was already harvested. Most of the sorghum has headed with three-fourths of it turning color. Twelve percent of the sorghum was harvested. Soybeans at pod set were 6 points behind normal with harvest 3 points behind normal at 19 percent. Nearly half of the peanuts were mature. Bolls were opening on 39 percent of the cotton which was 13 points behind normal.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 17, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Peanuts	1	12	41	43	3
Cotton	23	32	29	16	0
Sorghum	12	19	29	29	11
Soybeans	33	29	28	9	1

Hay: Alfalfa and other hay conditions showed little improvement from last week. Fourth cuttings of alfalfa were slowly making progress at 79 percent with fifth cuttings at 17 percent, 19 points behind normal. Other hay second cuttings showed little movement at 63 percent, 14 points behind normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 17, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	26	32	25	15	2
Other Hay	36	35	18	9	2

Miscellaneous Commodities: Pecan conditions were mostly fair to poor. Pecan nut set was rated as light to average.

Pasture and Range The recent rains in the State have continued to help green pastures. However, the shorter days and cooler temperatures may hamper additional growth. Pasture and range conditions remained mostly in the poor to very poor range.

Livestock: Livestock conditions showed improvement from last week but remained mostly in the fair to poor range. Livestock marketings were average with light to moderate insect activity. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$124.00 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$115.88 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 17, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	5	30	49	13	3
Pasture & Range	35	30	25	9	1

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending September 17, 2006									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	76	66	85	86	Setting Pods	88	80	95	94
Planted	19	9	21	26	Mature	41	34	44	46
Rye -					Harvested	19	8	18	22
Seedbed Prepared	86	69	85	88	Peanuts -				
Planted	45	24	40	40	Mature	48	43	45	51
Oats -					Cotton -				
Seedbed Prepared	65	62	63	64	Bolls Opening	39	29	39	52
Planted	7	N/A	2	8	Alfalfa -				
Corn -					4 th Cutting	79	76	95	83
Mature	77	65	78	77	5 th Cutting	17	11	55	36
Harvested	56	50	46	49	Other Hay -				
Sorghum -					2 nd Cutting	63	60	74	77
Headed	94	92	94	95					
Colored	71	63	72	74					
Mature	31	26	31	43					
Harvested	12	7	17	25					

Weather for Week Ending September 17, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 37 degrees at Boise City on Sunday, September 17th to 97 degrees at Antlers on Saturday, September 16th. Precipitation averaged 0.09 inches in the Panhandle district to 1.43 inches in the East Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 66 degrees at Apache on Sunday, September 17th to 87 degrees at Durant on Monday, September 11th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending September 17, 2006							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2006 to September 17, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>
Panhandle	81	57	69	0.09	1.12	0.05	105
West Central	84	61	72	0.23	1.29	-0.42	75
Southwest	85	61	72	1.30	2.81	0.89	146
North Central	85	59	72	0.11	0.79	-0.98	45
Central	86	59	72	1.37	2.03	-0.30	87
South Central	88	61	74	0.97	1.53	-0.93	62
Northeast	85	57	71	1.35	1.50	-1.21	55
East Central	85	59	72	1.43	1.72	-1.09	61
Southeast	88	59	73	1.29	1.47	-1.12	57

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